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SUBJECT: INITIAL CALL ON CHINESE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION FOR
FRIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES (CPAFFC)

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1. MR. BUSH AFTERNOON 1 NOVEMBER PAID INITIAL CALL ON CPAFFC
VICE PRESIDENT LI EN-CH'U. ONE-HALF HOUR CALL WAS LARGELY CEREMONIAL

,
BUT MR. BUSH FOUND AN OCCASION TO REFER INDIRECTLY TO THE QUESTION
OF THE U.S. "FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATIONS" (SEE REFTEL). LI WAS
DESCRIBING CPAFFC COOPERATION WITH THE SINO-JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP
ASSOCIATION. IN THIS CONTEXT, MR. BUSH INQUIRED WHETHER THE
FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION WAS THE EXCLUSIVE OR EVEN THE MAJOR
CHANNEL FOR EXCHANGE CONTACTS BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN. "OH NO," SAID
LI, "WE HAVE A WHOLE RANGE OF OFFICIAL, SEMI-OFFICIAL, AND
PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACTS. NATURALLY, BECAUSE OF HISTORICAL FACTORS,
THE SINO-JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION PLAYS A PROMINENT ROLE."

2. COMMENT: USLO FEELS LI WAS PREPARED FOR A PROBE FROM MR. BUSH
ON THE QUESTION OF FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATIONS AND WISHED TO ASSURE
US THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES WOULD NOT PREEMPT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
PLAYING A NORMAL ROLE. IN THE JAPANESE CONTEXT, LI MADE THE POINT
THAT THE CHINESE HAVE EXCHANGE RELATIONS WITH EVERY POLITICAL
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GROUP AND PARTY IN JAPAN EXCEPT THE "REVISIONIST" COMMUNIST

PARTY.
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